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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 6, please amend the first paragraph beginning on line 1, as follows:

--Preferably soft needle catheters are composed of a material which are sufficiently flexible to bend, when the carrier moves and sufficiently rigid to avoid kinking closing off the drug supply. Further the material must be compatible with medical use i.e. irritation of the skin must be kept at a minimum, being non-toxic it must not decompose in the body, etc. Thermoplastic elastomers (TPE) are a type of material which fulfils these requirements. Examples of such useful elastomers are: polyester ethers, ECDEL TPE, styrene based TPE, olefin based TPE, urethane based TPE, ester based TPE, amid based TPE, polyolefines and silicone rubbers. In a preferred embodiment the material is selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, C-FLEX™ TPE, mixtures of C-FLEX™ TPE and polypropylene, LUPOLEN™ 1840H[[,]] and LUPOLEN™ 3020D brand low density polyethylenes, and thermoplastic polyurethane elastomers such as those distributed under the trademarks and/or trade names of PELLETHANE™ 2363-75D, PELLETHANE™ 2363-55D, TECOTHANE™ and CARBOTHANE™.--